

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 27, 2007  
7:00PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Charles Fagan, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Eddie Baldwin, and Doug Goss. Council Member Bill Baker was absent.

Mayor Fagan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes of the previous meeting were presented for consideration. Ed Hanson made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$367,818.19 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

The Council then discussed the appointment of a new Municipal Court Judge. Having interviewed the candidates and reviewed their qualifications Ed Hanson made the motion to appoint Bud Turner as the new Municipal Court Judge. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the appointment was approved unanimously.

In other business Doug Goss made the motion to change the City's healthcare coverage plan to the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield BlueCard PPO 320 Plan. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the change was approved by unanimous consent. The Clerk then discussed the passing of Councilman Bill Baker's mother, Edna Baker, and expressed condolences on behalf of the City employees. The Clerk also discussed the upcoming budget work session on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

In Council reports each of the Council members expressed their sympathy and condolences to the Baker family and asked that they be remembered in prayer. John Lawrence congratulated Councilman Goss on his recent Certified Municipal Official recognition. Ed Hanson reminded the members of the Business Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Mr. Hanson also discussed the Kawasaki Ad promotion that was filmed in the downtown area last Sunday evening. Doug Goss shared a personal memory of Edna Baker.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan also expressed his condolences to the Baker family. The Mayor thanked Tommy Fell of the Alabama Film Office for introducing the Kawasaki Ad producers to our city and expressed his appreciation to the producers and their crew members for their professionalism and courtesy while filming.

The Mayor discussed upcoming waste disposal bids and the completion of paving on the Cleburne County section of the Chief Ladiga Trail. Mayor Fagan also advised that while the local water situation was not critical, he would advise citizens to take a common sense approach to water conservation until water tables return to normal. The Mayor also discussed the current vacancy in the District 4 Council seat and asked the members to review the applicants for consideration.

There being no visitor's comments and no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:24pm.